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BERLIN FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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PLANNING

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FOLLOWING IS FRG AMBASSADOR FROEWIS' REPLY (DATED
DECEMBER 22) TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL A.
IT WAS PASSED TO US AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EMBASSY'S
MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE (REFTEL B) ON UGANDAN
E AND E QUESTION. GIST OF MEETING IS REPORTED SEPTTEL.
BEGIN TEXT:

1. SINCE MARCH 1977 THIS EMBASSY HAS PASSED ON THE
STATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY TO ALL
AMERICAN NATIONALS VISITING THE EMBASSY. THAT ADVICE
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IS THEREFORE MOST PROBABLY KNOWN TO ALL OR AT LEAST
THE MAJORITY OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THE EMBASSY WILL
REPEAT THE US GUIDANCE NOT TO REMAIN IN UGANDA TO THE
AMERICAN COMMUNITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE NEW YEAR'S
RECEPTION 1978 TO WHICH ALL AMERICANS IN UGANDA
HAVE BEEN INVITED.
THE EMBASSY DOUBTS, HOWEVER, THAT MANY AMERICANS WILL

FOLLOW THE US GOVERNMENT REQUEST, ESPECIALLY THE MISSIONARIES WHO WISH TO STAY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN UGANDA WHERE THEY FEEL THEY ARE NEEDED. MOST AMERICANS HAVE NEVER BEEN MOLESTED BY EITHER MILITARY OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES EVEN DURING THE LAST AMERICAN-UGANDAN CRISIS IN MARCH 1977.

THE MISSIONARIES, IN PARTICULAR, FEEL IRRITATED BY THE US'S POLICY TOWARDS UGANDA WHICH, ALTHOUGH BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HAS THE EFFECT OF EXERCISING PRESSURE ON THEM TO ABANDON

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THEIR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN UGANDA.

2. CONCERNING THE ALTERNATIVES TO ENVISAGED EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF AMERICANS, THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, FOR THE TIME BEING, THE NEED FOR EVACUATION WOULD ONLY ARISE FROM VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST AMERICAN COMMUNITY, INSPIRED AND SUPPORTED BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES. SUCH VIOLENCE COULD BE PROVOKED BY HOSTILE ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE US GOVERNMENT AGAINST UGANDA. IN THIS CASE, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY IMPLY THAT AMERICANS WERE BEING HELD AS HOSTAGES, NO EMERGENCY EVACUATION COULD BE CARRIED OUT ANYMORE, SINCE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

IS WIDELY SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER,
FOR THE TIME BEING, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT SEE ANY
DANGER OF SUCH DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION
FOR AMERICANS. THE SITUATION COULD ONLY WORSEN IF
MEASURES SUCH AS THE ONES ADVOCATED BY THE BONKERS-
PEASE RESOLUTION WERE IMPLEMENTED, E.G. MANDATORY
TRADE BOYCOTT, CLOSING OF UGANDAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
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D.C., ETC.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY WELCOMES THE ATTITUDE
OF THE US ADMINISTRATION NOT TO SUPPORT SUCH MEASURES.
THESE STEPS WOULD NOT CONSIDERABLY WEAKEN THE POSITION
OF THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT, BUT WOULD IMPACT MAINLY
ON THE WELFARE OF THE UGANDAN PEOPLE. IT SHOULD ALSO
BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT, SINCE JUNE 1977, THE
GENERAL SITUATION HAS ON THE WHOLE REMAINED QUIET IN
THE COUNTRY AND MAJOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY
THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT OCCURED ANYMORE. THERE
CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT IN OTHER COUNTRIES (E.G. ETHIOPIA)
MORE PEOPLE ARE BEING KILLED THAN IN UGANDA, WHERE
THE RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER HAS VISIBLY IMPROVED
RECENTLY. FROEWIS. END TEXT.
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